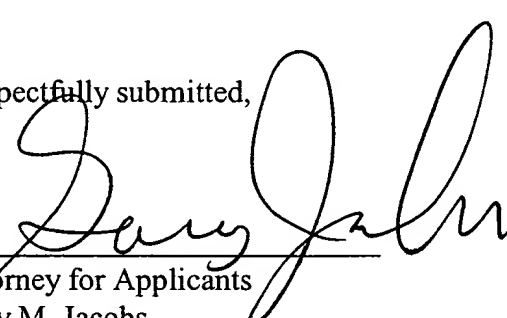


REMARKS

Claims 44 has been amended solely to improve its form by adding "an elongate" before "developing member", as was previously done in independent Claims 1, 6, 13, 22, 27, 34, 43, 49, 50, 57 and 59. Accordingly, this amendment is needed for proper protection of the invention and would require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, this amendment satisfies the criteria for entry of MPEP § 714.16 and such entry is respectfully solicited.

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